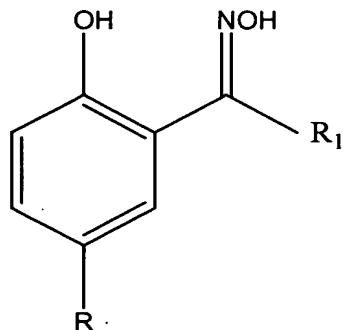


What is claimed is:

1. A method comprising extracting copper from an aqueous copper solution having a temperature of at least 30°C by contacting the aqueous solution with an extraction reagent of the formula (I)

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(I)

wherein R is a linear or branched C₁₀₋₁₈ alkyl group and R₁ is H or CH₃.

2. The method of claim 1 wherein the extraction reagent is further comprised of a hydrocarbon diluent.
3. The method of claim 1 wherein R is a linear or branched C₁₀₋₁₈ alkyl group and R₁ is H.
- 15 4. The method of claim 1 wherein R is a linear or branched C₁₀₋₁₈ alkyl group and R₁ is CH₃.
5. The method of claim 1 wherein the extraction reagent is selected from the group consisting of 2-hydroxy-5-decylacetophenone oxime, 2-

hydroxy-5-dodecylacetophenone oxime, 2-hydroxy-5-pentadecylacetophenone oxime, 5-decylsalicylaldoxime, 5-dodecylsalicylaldoxime and 5-pentadecylsalicylaldoxime.

5 6. The method of claim 5 wherein the extraction reagent is 5-dodecylsalicylaldoxime.

7. The method of claim 5 wherein the extraction reagent is 2-hydroxy-5-dodecylacetophenone oxime.

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8. The method of claim 5 wherein the extraction reagent is 5-decylsalicylaldoxime.

9. The method of claim 5 wherein the extraction reagent is 2-hydroxy-5-

15 decylacetophenone oxime.

10. The method of claim 5 wherein the extraction reagent is 2-hydroxy-5-pentadecylacetophenone oxime.

20 11. The method of claim 5 wherein the extraction reagent is 5-pentadecylsalicylaldoxime.

12. The method of claim 1 wherein the extraction reagent is further comprised of a modifier selected from the group consisting of an ester, a 25 ketone, an ether and an alcohol.

13. The method of claim 12 wherein the alcohol is tridecanol.

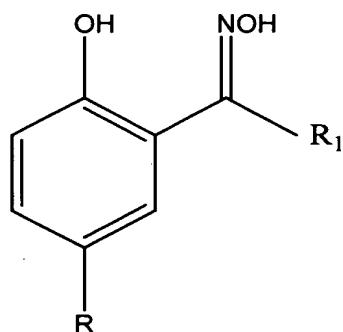
14. The method of claim 12 wherein the ester is 2,2,4-trimethylpentane-1,3-diol diisobutyrate, di-n-butyl adipate.

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15. The method of claim 1 wherein the temperature is 35°C.

16. A method comprising extracting copper from an aqueous copper solution having a temperature of at least 30°C by contacting the aqueous solution with a composition comprising: (a) extraction reagent comprised of

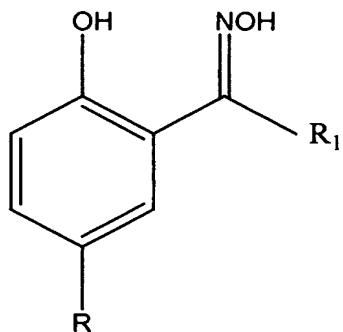
10 a compound of the formula (I)



(I)

wherein R is a dodecyl group and R₁ is H and (b) di-n-butyl adipate.

17. A method comprising extracting copper from an aqueous copper solution having a temperature of at least 30°C by contacting the aqueous solution with a composition comprising: (a) extraction reagent comprised of a compound of the formula (I)



(I)

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wherein R is a nonyl group and R₁ is CH₃ and (b) di-n-butyl adipate.

18. The method of claim 16 wherein the temperature is 35°C.

10 19. The method of claim 17 wherein the temperature is 35°C.